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Mr. Ken Tierney, Director
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RAYTHEON REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECEMBER 19, 2002 DIRECTIVE TO CONDUCT A RECORDS INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE FORMER USE OF A STORAGE BUNKER, RIALTO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Tierney:

This is in response to a January 29, 2003 telephone request by Molly Brown, on behalf of Raytheon, for an extension in the compliance requirement included in the above-referenced directive. As you know, our December 19th directive required completion of the records search and submittal of a detailed description of the historical activities by General Dynamics Air Systems Division and Hughes Missile Systems Company (now Raytheon Company) at the former bunker site in North Rialto by January 31, 2003.

We recognize that for Raytheon to conduct a records search related to the use of storage bunkers in Rialto, California, by General Dynamics Air Systems Division, which later became Hughes Missile Systems Company, and which later become Raytheon, will require some significant effort. However, our investigation in Rialto concerning parties who may have used or stored perchlorate, or materials containing perchlorate, is extremely important. The groundwater supply for a very large number of citizens in Rialto, Colton and Fontana has been affected by perchlorate pollution related to the use of storage bunkers and related facilities in North Rialto. We will require a response from suspected dischargers commensurate with the threat to the citizens in these areas.

Therefore, we will not grant Raytheon a time extension, but will take into consideration Raytheon's level of effort to comply with the Board's December 19th directive in determining what further response by the Regional Board is warranted. In considering a further enforcement response, the Board will favorably consider a high level of effort and an expeditious response to the directive. We look forward to receiving Raytheon's submittal at the very earliest possible date.

California Environmental Protection Agency

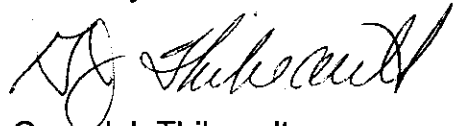


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Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at 909-782-3284, Bob Holub at 909-782-3298, or Ann Sturdivant at 909-782-4904.

Sincerely,



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